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INDO-US COOPERATION IN NUCLEAR FIELD
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the visit of Chairman of the UN Nuclear Regulatory Commission hasreactivated Indo-US cooperation in the civilian nuclear field which was affected by the post-Pokhran sanctions;

(b) whether on the Indo-US cooperation front, two new programmes have been addedto the original three, which were agreed upon in the mid-1990s;

(c) if so, the details of new programmes that have been added; and

(d) the extent to which UN official visit has boosted the nuclear ties between the two countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTIC PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTI STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) The visit of Chairman of US Nuclear Regulatory Commission has helped to reactivate the Indo-US cooperation in the field of nuclear safety.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The two new areas are:

(i) Risk Informed Performance based Regulation.

(ii) Procedures for Licence Renewal and Periodic Safety Review.

(d) The visit of US officials has added momentum tothe ongoing dialogue between the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board of India and Nuclear Regulatory Commission of US for cooperation in the field of Nuclear safety.